

THE TRIAL WAS A FARCE

CAPT. JOHN FANNING REMAINS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

He Is, However, Reduced to the Ranks and Fined Thirty Days' Pay—Safely Board Session.

The trial of Captain John Fanning before the Board of Public Safety yesterday afternoon was really the biggest burlesque that has been perpetrated by that board for some time. It will be remembered that Fanning was suspended at the Cones factory fire by Assistant Chief Ernst, charged with being intoxicated and talking in an insolent and insulting manner to his superior officer. Fanning was found on top of an adjacent building in such a condition that he was unable to give his services to ward fighting the fire.

The next day Chairman Roth called on Fanning and it was reported the latter told Roth he would be on the fire department when Roth was shoveling coal, or some other choice reminder of his "pull" with the administration. Roth, it is said, swore to have him discharged from the department, as Fanning's previous record would not bear close inspection.

At the trial yesterday the members of the Board of Safety occupied seats around the big table in the board's office and Fanning stood. He said he would plead guilty to the charges preferred against him and wanted to throw himself on the mercy of the board. He said the day of the Cones fire he was sick, and the only thing he ate during the day was a few crackers. His stomach was out of order, he said, and he took one drink of whisky, which made him dizzy. While in that condition he said Assistant Chief Ernst found him. He admitted he had done wrong and asked for leniency. Assistant Chief Ernst then took the stand and Chairman Roth asked him to repeat the charges he had made against Fanning. But Ernst said he did not have anything to say, as Fanning had pleaded guilty.

Chief Barrett went on the stand and said he would recommend that Fanning be reduced to the ranks and fined thirty days' pay. Mr. McMillan started to make a motion and had not finished his sentence when Chairman Roth gave him a kick under the table and a "high sign" to remain quiet. The board and Chief Barrett then went to a corner to hold a secret session, as a reporter was in the room. A few seconds later returned an agreement. The board decided to reduce Fanning to the ranks and fine him thirty days' pay. Fanning is a brother of Chairman Fanning of the Board of Public Works.

The board then promoted Charles Oehlrich to a captaincy, to succeed Fanning. The latter had been favored with that promotion before, but was reduced to the ranks when the board made changes in the department after the recent trials. Chief Barrett ruled quiet during the trial of Fanning and made no allusion whatever to the differences between them or the additional charges that had been made against Fanning directly after his dismissal, but which were not included in the written charges filed with the board.

Chief Barrett filed recommendations with the board for an independent water main to be used exclusively by the fire department, to be laid in the basement of the business district of the city. He said the present system could be held in place by the board, but he recommended that the establishing of an independent fire main would relieve the possibility of one of the mains bursting, probably at the time of a big fire.

The board endorsed the recommendation of Chief Barrett to the City Council asking that an ordinance be passed authorizing the owners of hotels, flats and apartment houses to keep lights burning at night in the basements and hallways. The chief also recommended that the City Council be asked to pass an ordinance compelling occupants of business houses and other buildings to keep their fires at night, as it would lessen the number of fires in the city. The board took no action on this recommendation.

The board confirmed the appointment of William Adams, of engine company No. 9, and Edward Rustle, of engine company No. 2, to regular places on the department as they had served their sixty days' probation and been found to be capable firemen. The board decided to purchase fifty regular firemen's badges and two hundred firemen's cap badges. Chief Barrett notified the board that the new fire hose recently purchased had been placed in service.

A TWO YEARS' PASTORATE.

Work Accomplished by Rev. T. J. Villers at the First Baptist.

Rev. T. J. Villers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, today begins his third year as its pastor, and at no time in the church history has it had as large a membership and been as prosperous as at the present time, and at no previous time has there been as large a Sunday school or Bible class. The former has a membership of eight hundred, and the Yoke Fellows, composed of young men, has become a power in the church, there being over eighty members. During the two years of Mr. Villers' pastorate he has given the hand of fellowship to 172 new members, and its total membership now exceeds one thousand communicants, and of late there has been a decided improvement in the financial status of the church under new methods of collecting dues from the church membership and congregation. Mr. Villers takes great interest in mission work. Within this time the Brightwood Baptist Church has been accepted as a station of the First Baptist Church. Rev. John C. Carman, a classmate of Mr. Villers, has been secured as station pastor. He has charge of two mission stations—one at North Indianapolis, the other at Brightwood. Miss Margaret E. Foster has just been called to the work of Bible-school missionary. Mrs. S. B. Loomis also devotes all her time to the church's work. Mr. Villers has frequently been a speaker at colleges and universities—such as Chicago University, McMaster University, Shurtleigh College, Franklin College. Last July he preached the convention sermon at the Indianapolis conference of the Baptist Young People at Richmond, Va. This year he preached the baccalaureate sermon at Denison University, and is to be one of the speakers at the Baptist anniversary, at Detroit.

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"The other day I was following out a connecting ridge link, when I struck an old mahogany road. These roads have been cut to steal timber enough to buy thousands of acres, but it is all gone, except now and then an inaccessible or small tree. These roads grow up in small brush and a wild banana, which you have often seen. Well, I followed the road and I found it took me to beautiful Peninsular point, on Berner brook. The banks are screened by plants and vines and I got within three feet of the edge and ten feet above the water when I heard a big plunge on the opposite side, twenty-five feet away. I looked and saw coming through the clear water a most devilish looking thing, as it spread itself, swimming beneath the surface. I said 'otter' at once, but that didn't help its looks. The water made the fur stand away from its body and its legs its ears, its head, its neck, its tail. Oh, but it looked big! Its eyes looked fierce, and don't you think, the bluish varnish swam straight for me, and came right to the bank, then swam back to the center of the stream, and then came for me again so fiercely! It bubbled up its head once and then ducked and whirled around just as I shot with my short revolver. I hardly think I hit it as it was too deep in the water, but the water that oiled the bottom of the stream legs and at intervals it rose to the surface and it would give the most savage growls that made the chills run over me every time. I knew it was not at all hurt me, so I climbed out on the drift and sat for half an hour, and still he growled and kept out of sight. When I started the matter I found only one hunter that knew the beast. No other person had ever seen one. He says you can kill a dozen dogs and can tear a man to pieces quicker than a panther. I got a good Winchester next morning and went to the spot, but the otter had left. I see wild turkeys, and quails, and guinea fow, and pheasants, and quails, and parrots, and hawks in abundance. Some monkeys. Yet I have not hunted for anything to put that off until next winter, when I hope you will make a trip here."

THE THOMAS CONCERT

VETERAN CONDUCTOR IS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY THE AUDIENCE.

A Classic Programme Is Given at Tomlinson Hall by the Famous Orchestra.

The most appropriate thing Mr. Carl Riedelberger, the violin player and lecturer, did upon the occasion of his recent visit to this city was to apologize to the musicians present for his own interpretation of the pieces he was going to play. He realized, as every student musician does, that there is no law, written or tacit, that compels implicit adherence by the performer. For that reason a music critic is one of the most difficult to write, and in calling attention to the Theodore Thomas concert at Tomlinson Hall last evening this idea is paramount.

The programme, in its entirety, was severely classic, and the growing appreciation for good music in this community was shown in the large attendance, close attention and marked applause. Mr. Thomas was cordially received when he made his appearance and called his fifty-seven musicians to order. He proceeded at once to the opening adagio movement of Tschaiowsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathetic," in B minor. The delicate pianissimo introduction, which was marred, however, by the noisy advent of late comers who had not yet arrived at their seats, and its beauty was therefore lost beyond the first few rows. The allegro, andante and allegro vivo, all included in the first movement, may be regarded as a fantasia rather than a proper symphony movement. The beautiful melody in the bassoon was suddenly and startlingly interrupted with a dissonant crash, followed by the introduction of a second melody whose treatment resembled the story of the vice-ridden sinner, who, getting a glimpse of pandemonium, resolved to do better. He is assailed by a second attack, but holds his resolution, and virtue triumphs over the devil. The chime descending scale conclusion, taken pizzicato by the strings, heightened this effect. The allegro con brio, the second movement, was an odd five-four time minuet in D, but to be danced successfully by a couple would doubtly present some difficulties. The allegro molto vivace and adagio lamentoso, the concluding movements, presented striking contrasts in form and development. The melody whose treatment resembled the story of the vice-ridden sinner, who, getting a glimpse of pandemonium, resolved to do better. He is assailed by a second attack, but holds his resolution, and virtue triumphs over the devil. The chime descending scale conclusion, taken pizzicato by the strings, heightened this effect. The allegro con brio, the second movement, was an odd five-four time minuet in D, but to be danced successfully by a couple would doubtly present some difficulties. The allegro molto vivace and adagio lamentoso, the concluding movements, presented striking contrasts in form and development.

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